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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ANGOLA: DEVELOPMENTS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT: IN ADDITION TO WIDE-RANGING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS YOU HAVE SEEN, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT WARRANTING YOUR ATTENTION.

-- SCHAUFLE REPORTS ON HIS RECENT CONVERSATION IN LIBREVILLE THAT GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO PROVIDED ASSURANCES THAT HE REMAINS IN FIRM SUPPORT OF FNLA/UNITA, THOUGH HE IS NOT PREPARED TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF ZAIRE. BONGO IS LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN MOBUTU THAT THE LINE CAN BE HELD AGAINST FURTHER RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA PRIOR TO THE OAU SUMMIT. HE HAS ACTIVELY BEEN WORKING TO THIS END AND DOUBTLESS WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

-- OUR AMBASSADOR IN BANGUI MET WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA TO CONVEY THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON ANGOLA. HE ASKED THAT THE SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT FORD BE ASSURED THAT IN ADDITION TO HIS CONTINUING TO HOLD THE LINE ON NONRECOGNITION OF THE MPLA, HE WOULD ALSO RENEW HIS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER AFRICAN CHIEFS TO DO THE SAME. HE SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE HE WOULD MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT ON ANGOLA IN THE COURSE OF FESTIVITIES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR IN

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CESSION TO POWER.

- OUR AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA REPORTS THAT THE RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE OAU POSITION ON NONRECOGNITION. HE ALSO IMPLIED THAT THERE EXISTS TACIT UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE OAU STATES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BENIN -- FORMERLY DAHOMEY) TO AVOID MPLA RECOGNITION PRIOR TO THE OAU MEETING.
- OUR AMBASSADOR TO GEORGETOWN, IN DELIVERING THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM ON THE QUESTION OF PERMITTING CUBAN TRANSIT FACILITIES, GOT A LECTURE FROM BURNHAM ON U.S.-AFRICAN POLICY. BURNHAM CRITICIZED U.S. ATTITUDES AND INACTIVITY ON AFRICAN LIBERATION, OUR TRIPLE VETO (WITH FRANCE AND THE UK) ON SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OUR POLICY ON RHODESIAN CHROME, OUR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THE U.S. STILL DOESN'T GIVE A FIG FOR OPPRESSED BLACKS IN AFRICA. FINALLY, HE SAID THAT NO FLIGHTS OF THE NATURE DESCRIBED IN THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE HAVE PASSED THROUGH GUYANA AND THAT CUBA HAS MADE NO REQUESTS FOR FACILITIES FOR SUCH FLIGHTS.
- OUR EMBASSY IN BONN REPORTS FROM A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER INTENDS TO SEND A PERSONAL LETTER ON ANGOLA TO AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WHOM HE KNOWS. MULTILATERALLY, THE NINE IS NOW PREPARING A DEMARCHE FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TO BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO THE OAU, RECOMMENDING THAT ALL OUTSIDE FORCES BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA AND THAT THE OAU NOT RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE THREE ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS.
- RESPONDING FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THE MESSAGE COULD NOT HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME SINCE THE QUAI IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BRAINSTORMING THE PROBLEM. THE OFFICIAL RECOGNIZED THAT HOLDING THE LINE ON ADDITIONAL AFRICAN RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA WAS THE CENTRAL PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THE FRENCH WERE BEGINNING TO GET BAD VIBES FROM FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN MODERATES LIKE HOUPHOUET AND BONGO, WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT NOT SHOWING UP IN ADDIS. THE FRENCH ARE LEANING HARD ON THEM, HE ADDED. THE OFFICIAL SAID THE CURRENT FRENCH VIEW IS THAT EMPHASIS DURING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH AFRICANS

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SHOULD BE ON THE DANGER OF PARTITION IF THE MPLA IS RECOGNIZED AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. AFRICANS ARE HIGHLY VULNERABLE ON THIS POINT AND WOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA IF SUCH ACTION WERE EQUATED WITH THE PROSPECT OF PARTITION.

-- CONGRESSMAN DIGGS HAS INDICATED THAT HE WISHES TO VISIT ADDIS ABABA FROM JANUARY 11-14 TO FOLLOW THE OAU MEETINGS. (HORAN)

PORTUGAL: ANTUNES GOES SHOPPING: FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES DEPARTED LISBON DECEMBER 27 FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO IRAQ, WITH POSSIBLE STOPS IN OTHER ARAB STATES. EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT ANTUNES HOPES TO CAPITALIZE ON THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND IRAQ TO ARRANGE A BARTER FOR IRAQI PETROLEUM, OBTAIN A GOLD-SECURED LOAN, AND DEVELOP BUSINESS FOR PORTUGUESE INDUSTRIES. EMBASSY LISBON COMMENTS THAT ANTUNES HAS BEEN A LEADING EXPONENT OF THE NEED FOR PORTUGAL TO DEVELOP A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THIRD WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE ARAB STATES, BUT SO FAR THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CONCRETE RESULTS. (CLIFT)

IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO EGYPT: THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR EILTS ON DECEMBER 28 THAT IRAN HAS JUST GIVEN EGYPT \$200 MILLION IN "NO-STRINGS" AID. THE CASH CONTRIBUTION, PROBABLY PART OF ALMOST ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE PROMISED BY THE SHAH, WILL HELP EGYPT MEET ITS \$300 MILLION SHORT TERM DEBT DUE TODAY.

NEW MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY: THE RESIGNATION OF MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WAS ANNOUNCED MONDAY EVENING. THE REASONS FOR HIS RESIGNATION ARE NOT YET CLEAR BUT MAY BE RELATED IN PART TO MEXICO'S RECENT VOTES ON THE ZIONISM QUESTION. RABASA REPORTEDLY PLANS TO RUN FOR THE SENATE, POSSIBLY FROM THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES, MEXICO'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE RABASA. GARCIA ROBLES IS MEXICO'S FOREMOST AUTHORITY ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS AND WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TREATY OF TLATELOCO, WHICH PROHIBITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA. HE IS ALSO A SPECIALIST IN INTER-AMERICAN TREATIES AND OBLIGATIONS, HAVING PUBLISHED WIDELY ON THIS SUBJECT. GARCIA ROBLES IS CONSIDERED TO BE STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC AND MANY CONSIDER HIM TO BE ANTI-AMERICAN. HE IS HIGHLY ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, AND CAPABLE. (BROWNELL)

CHILE: BRITISH COMPLAINT OF TORTURE: A BRITISH PHYSICIAN FREED BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MONDAY HAS CLAIMED THAT

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SHE WAS TORTURED BY CHILEAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. SHE WAS ARRESTED NOVEMBER 1 FOR TREATING A LEFTIST WOUNDED IN A FIGHT WITH GOVERNMENT TROOPS. THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR TO CHILE WILL BE WITHDRAWN INDEFINITELY AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SUBMIT EVIDENCE ON THE DOCTOR'S TORTURE ALLEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE BRITISH HAVE ALSO LODGED AN OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND DEMANDED A FULL INQUIRY. (BROWNELL)

PERUVIAN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA: THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED CAUTIOUSLY TO A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE FOR A TRANSFER OF TERRITORIES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH AN OUTLET TO THE SEA. THE TRANSFER WOULD INVOLVE TERRITORY FORMERLY BELONGING TO PERU. UNDER THE TERMS OF A 1923 PEACE TREATY, ANY TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THIS TERRITORY REQUIRES THE AGREEMENT OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT. THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WILL PRESENT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WITH A DIFFICULT POLITICAL PROBLEM, AND OUR EMBASSY BELIEVES THE MORALES BERNHUEZ GOVERNMENT WILL NOT WISH TO RUN UNDUE DOMESTIC POLITICAL RISKS BY QUICKLY AGREEING TO THE PROPOSAL. LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOLIVIA, CHILE, AND PERU CAN BE EXPECTED BEFORE ANY FINAL AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED. OUR EMBASSY IN LIMA, HOWEVER, BELIEVES THAT PERU WILL EVENTUALLY AGREE TO THE CHILEAN CESSION OF A CORRIDOR ALONG THE PERUVIAN BORDER. (BROWNELL)

DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR: EMBASSY JAKARTA REPORTS THAT THE PRO-INDONESIAN PARTIES NOW IN CONTROL OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR HAVE REQUESTED A DELAY IN THE VISIT OF A UN REPRESENTATIVE TO TIMOR. THEY ARE CONTENDING THAT UN AND OTHER OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN TIMOR MUST BE THROUGH THE NEWLY FORMED "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT." PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE ARAUJO, IN A DECEMBER 22 LETTER TO SECRETARY WALDHEIM, REPORTEDLY ASKED THAT THE VISIT BE POSTPONED. ARAUJO SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE UN OF AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR A VISIT WHEN THE UN REPRESENTATIVE'S SAFETY COULD BE GUARANTEED. THE PRO-INDONESIAN FORCES PROBABLY WISH TO DELAY ANY UN VISIT UNTIL THEY HAVE ELIMINATED REMAINING FRETELIN STRENGTH NEAR THE MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS. (QUINN)

THAI-INDONESIAN NAVAL EXERCISES CANCELLED: EMBASSY BANGKOK REPORTS THAT THE THAIS HAVE CANCELLED THE JOINT THAI-INDONESIAN NAVAL EXERCISES SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. A THAI OFFICIAL SAID THE RTG CONSIDERED THAT SUCH EXERCISES COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THAILAND WAS SUPPORTING INDONESIA'S ACTION IN TIMOR, AND THEREFORE THE PRIME MINISTER

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ORDERED THEM CANCELLED. HE THAI HAVE NOW JOINED WITH  
SINGAPORE IN PUTTING SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES  
AND INDONESIA'S INCURSION INTO TIMOR. THIS ACTION  
DEMONSTRATES THE FRAGILITY OF THE ASEAN ORGANIZATION  
WHEN SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE MEMBERS.  
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